

BUILDERS OFFER VARIETY IN ROWS OF NEW HOUSES

SPRING BUSINESS GOOD IN ALL LINES

Building Operations Stimulated by Good Weather and Lack of Strikes.

Trade, says Dun's Review, responds to seasonal weather, distribution of spring merchandise fully equaling sanguine expectations, and country merchants purchase liberally from wholesalers at leading centers. Reports from principal cities are uniformly favorable, active business being accompanied by further improvement in collections. Demand for lumber and other materials increases as warm weather stimulates building operations. Leading industries are fully occupied, and no strikes of more than local significance have materialized thus far. Manufacturers are busy on goods for early shipment, and sample business for later seasons promises continued activity. Improved traffic conditions make deliveries more prompt, and railway earnings in three weeks of March were 10 per cent larger than last year.

Commercial failures in the first quarter were 3,136 in number and \$2,075,591 in amount of liabilities, against 3,102 last year, when the amount involved was \$2,761,107. The ratio of defaulted indebtedness to solvent payments through the clearing houses was only 77 cents to each dollar, which is the lowest mercantile default rate for the first quarter of any year since this record was begun in 1875. Confidence in continued activity is evidenced by the announcement that the Steel Corporation will expend about \$10,000,000 on a new plant at Duluth.

Primary markets for textiles are more quiet, but there is no diminution in the output of mills, except where labor cannot be secured. Most cotton goods producers have orders covering output so far into the future that the lightened pressure is helpful.

Bradstreet's says: Despite some cross currents in demands, due mainly to the withdrawal of the Easter stimulus to trade and a succeeding spell of cold weather, the developments of the week have been mainly favorable. All reports as to trade at wholesale and in jobbing circles in the first quarter are in a high degree favorable, and failure returns confirm these in the smallest number of casualties for a generation past.

Reports from most leading industries are still of full order books and of backward deliveries. There is, however, slightly more manifest a disposition to move conservatively as regards distant positions, some easing of metal quotations and a softening of asking prices for various products, and the jewelry, shoe, leather, and wool trades rule quiet, pending a clearer view of later developments. Wheat-crop reports have an appearance of irregularity, due to the reported spread of insect damage in the Southwest and advices of winter-killing in the central West.

In the dry goods trade there has been something like a lull in jobbing lines, now that the first rush of spring trade is over and the course of retail demand will be closely watched. There are evidences of growing activity in out-of-door work.

MAKE PROPERTY SAFE, NOTICE GIVEN OWNER

Building Inspector Ashford has notified W. W. Danenbarger, owner of the property located on the north side of Virginia avenue between First and Second streets southeast, that immediate steps must be taken to put the building in a safe condition. A similar notice was served on the owner some time ago and disinterested persons, upon examination of the premises, found the building to be unsafe. Unless the necessary repairs are made within three days the Building Inspector will do the work and also raise the structure at the owner's expense.

TO MAKE SWIMMING POOL OF OLD FISH PONDS

Col. Charles S. Bromwell, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, yesterday notified the Commissioners that, following the plans for the establishment and completion of Potomac Park, the inner basin, which has been used as a bathing place, will have to be abandoned for such purposes, as it is to be filled in from dredgings from the tidal basin. Commissioner West, who has charge of this public enterprise, conferred with Colonel Bromwell, resulting in the decision to turn the fish ponds over to the District, to be used for bathing. The ponds nearest the river will be for beginners, as it is shallow; the pond on the west side for those who can swim. An adjoining pond will be for colored people.

INGENIOUS USES TO WHICH THE PHONOGRAPH IS PUT

"Canned" election speeches used in the recent New York campaign were quite a minor adaptation of the multitude of ingenious uses to which Americans are now putting it. There is considerable rivalry to get something novel or unique in a way of music or noise records. Babies' voices and cries are obtained through the whole gamut of the barks of pet dogs, and mews of kittens are preserved for the delight of their mistresses and the edification of their friends. One club of women recently gave an entertainment at which the members caught the voices of their cauteries on the wax records and passing them through a machine, took a vote as to which bird gave the sweetest song. Modern languages can be studied by the phonograph method, and records of what one says in sleep have been produced in the law courts as evidence of guilt. Another curious device is a phonograph dinner, at which "canned" music and phonographic trouts figure on the menu. Those who are on the dinner program for a speech or song prepare it in advance by storing it away on a little wax cylinder made to serve as a napkin ring and sound condenser. At appropriate times the record is played, and the speaker or singer, without making utterance without causing embarrassment to the persons called upon—London Pall Mall Gazette.

HOMESEEKERS ASK FEATURES IN MODERN ROWS OF HOUSES



3437 to 3447 Seventeenth Street, With Porches, Which Will Be Valued in Summer.

Purchasers' Up to Date Demand for Variety Proves to Be Great Aid in Enhancing Beauty of the City.

Home seekers are no longer satisfied with a house that is exactly like its neighbor, or, for that matter, several other of its neighbors.

Each occupant wants some distinguishing feature. Builders have been brought to recognize this demand and have met it with such variety of architectural effect that rows of houses are no longer the bugbear that formerly existed when one set of patterns, so to speak, did yeoman service for any number of dwellings.

Vast improvement in this respect is seen on every street of the city, but of course, this is more especially noted in the newer sections where builders and architects have combined to produce houses that would, in addition to being provided with every modern convenience for the comfort and pleasure of the occupant, represent to a degree the appearance of a residence built after the owner's special design.

City's Beauty Enhanced. In this way, too, the beauty of the city has been enhanced, and instead of long vistas of houses with an unbroken front of exactly the same size and shape there are variations of design that speak of an improved taste and a better knowledge of architectural excellencies.

The illustrations shown are of both two-story and three-story houses, and present entirely different styles of architecture. The row on Seventeenth street is so near the outskirts of the city and the beautiful scenery of the Zoo Park that the designer has given them the advantage of a handsome porch, which is so much appreciated in the warm summer evenings, besides adding greatly to the character of the design.

The T Street Row. Of a character that can be readily appreciated by the lover of neat and refined effects in house building the row on T street near Eighteenth street is probably among the best examples in the city, and readily shows the capacity and versatility of the architect.

Given a rich colonial effect the row on Lamont street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets is of a style that will improve with the passage of time and become a most attractive and interesting feature of the newer section of the Northwest.

While the rows shown are good examples of the newer era of house design, the city is full of most excellent specimens limited to no section but alike marks of beauty and utility on every hand.



1726 to 1734 Lamont Street, Showing Colonial Effects in Cornices and Doors.



1744 to 1754 T Street, Near Eighteenth, Among the Best Examples of Features in Rows.

REAR ADMIRAL MCGOWAN EXCHANGES PROPERTY

Rear Admiral John McGowan, who recently sold his residence, 1739 N street northwest, through the office of Arthur D. Addison, realty broker, has, through the same firm, traded his property at 2025 Hilyer place for a lot on Sixteenth street, near T street northwest, belonging to Mrs. Virginia C. Benedict.

The lot has a frontage of thirty-eight feet with a depth of 125 feet, and is in the best section of that magnificent boulevard. It is the intention of Admiral McGowan to build a comfortable residence on the lot, and it is expected that building operations will be begun as soon as the plans can be completed.

Second street southeast, between B and C streets—George R. Repetti et al. to Urbano Gregori, part original lot 25, square 22, \$10.

O street northwest, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets—J. Edward Lewis et al. to Fred C. Jones, part lot 100, square 124, \$10. Fred C. Jones conveys same property to Eunice M. Lewis, \$10.

21 L street northwest—Julius L. Bundy et al. to Samuel E. Allen, lot R, square 620, \$12.00.

Lindwood Heights—J. W. Glennan, trustee, to Martha E. Lee, lot 28, block 3, \$10.

Alley between V and W, Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets—Kenneth Realty Company to Henry D. Seidenberg, lot 87, square 235, \$10.

Thirteenth street northwest, between T and U streets—Alice F. Kehoe to George H. Wallingford, part lot 280, square 6, of 1204, \$10.

E street southeast, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets—John H. Shelton et al. to William R. Shelton, lot 11, square 1019, \$10.

1450 Pierce place northwest—Wilton J. Lambert et al., trustees, to Henry A. Willard, lot 164, square 26, \$2,780.

Brightwood Park—Eva E. Munimaw, et vrs., Thomas W., to Kate H. Dunn, lot 22, block 24, \$10.

HILL MEMORIAL PLANS MADE BY W. L. CLARK

The Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Alexandria, will erect the George R. Hill Memorial building at a cost of \$15,000. Plans are now being made by Architect W. L. Clark.

The structure will be forty-eight by sixty feet in size and is to be distinctively a young people's building, containing an assembly hall, reading rooms, parlor, etc.

It is expected that bids will be opened about May 15, and work will commence promptly.

George R. Hill was one of Alexandria's most prominent citizens, and his interest in the young people of the city was exemplified in many ways, as shown by his numerous enterprises for their advancement and pleasure.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HINDU GIRLS.

Dr. John F. Goucher, president of the Woman's College, Baltimore, now traveling in the Orient, has offered scholarship under the netting. The scholarships will permit four girls from India to be continually at the Woman's College.

REAL ESTATE NEWS OF GEORGETOWN

The real estate belonging to the estate of the late Henry Kengia will be put up for sale at public auction on Tuesday, April 16.

Among the parcels to be offered are 149 Wisconsin avenue and 145 Wisconsin avenue, 325 Prospect avenue northwest, and the large tract on unimproved property fronting on Back street, in the extreme northwest section of Georgetown.

The deed was placed on record yesterday whereby Elizabeth Waldrige and others, conveyed to Augustus H. Quigley, lot 25 block 13, Ingleside, being on Park road, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets northwest.

Mr. Quigley, who resides at 1235 Wisconsin avenue northwest, has had plans and specifications prepared by Architect W. S. Plager, for the erection of a handsome home on the lot.

Mrs. Katherine C. Curtin, of 3258 M street northwest, has purchased a three-story bay window brick dwelling on the south side of Cambridge place, between Avon place and Thirtieth street, from the heirs of J. J. Smith.

Christian Heurich, owner, has about completed the erection of a one-story business building at the southwest corner of Warehouse alley and M street northwest, on the lot recently purchased by him from Mrs. K. C. Curtin.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Potomac and O streets northwest, is soon to undergo considerable repairs. The exterior of the building will be pebbledashed.

Edmund K. Fox has sold to Frank Suter lot 52, square 1283, being unimproved property in Cooke Park, Georgetown, D. C.

THIRTEEN NEW HOUSES TO COST \$4,500 EACH

The Collins-Guerry Company has just sold, in connection with H. Rozier Dulany, to an out-of-town purchaser, lots 33 to 40, and 57 to 66, square 334, located at the northwest corner of Sixth and F streets northeast. These lots have a frontage of 105 feet on F street, by a depth of 45 feet, and 230 feet on Sixth street, by a depth of 37 feet. It is the intention of the purchaser to build on the property as soon as title is passed, thirteen two-story dwellings, each to have twenty-five feet front, containing six living rooms, bathroom, cellar, and heated by hot water, to cost about \$4,500 each.

SUPERSTITIOUS WOMEN WANT MASCOT TO PLAY BRIDGE

Jewels about which some virtue is supposed to linger is a superstition as old as time. But a new set of charms has been brought into existence by what is known as "bridge luck." There are charms of almost inconceivable variety which superstitious women carry about in the firm belief that they are indispensable to their success at cards, and why doubt it? Thought is very potent; therefore, if one thinks a charm is lucky it becomes so because it is willed to be. True, the unimaginative, unsentimental person can not possibly see why the woman with a talisman turns up the right card or wins a point so much oftener than one who has forgotten to bring the charm to a sitdown rubber. It is useless trying to explain, but let the fact suffice, for it is said that some players go to the point of keeping the lucky object in their hand till the last card is played.

And these lucky charms? Some are rare and some are common. Genuine Egyptian scarabs are always in request. Travelers pretend they are imbued with occult power, provided they are the real thing, while from India comes the ink. The ink has a reputation for bringing the smiles of fortune that can't be stricken. A lady well known among the highest bridge sets in London carries a miniature joss which she declares brings her continued good fortune since it first came into her hands and which she guards as zealously as if it were some priceless gem. In appearance the joss could well be more hideous, but it is possibly its malevolent eye towards the evil of her charmed partner. What would be the effect of having the joss come off the same table may not be contemplated with composure. Superstition draws the line at duplicates.—Boston Herald.

BRENNAN COMPANY ASKS FOR ALL STREET PAVING

P. J. Brennan, president of the Brennan Construction Company, appeared before the Board of Commissioners yesterday, asking that his company be given the whole of a contract for sheet asphalt paving of roadway and vitrified brick gutterwork for a certain number of streets, for which bids were recently opened, or if not all of this combined work, all of the asphalt to be laid, leaving the vitrified brick guttering to the Cranford Construction Company, a competitive bidder.

The bid of the Brennan Construction Company for the asphalt work is a little lower than that made by the Cranford Company, but the bid of the latter company for the vitrified brick work is the lowest. Some of the work has to be laid jointly, and in such cases it would be impossible for two separate contractors to do the work. Some of the sheet asphalt is without the brick guttering. The Commissioners took the matter under consideration.

ARCHITECT LANKFORD PLANS RESIDENCE FOR HIMSELF

John A. Lankford, the architect, has designed for himself a two-story brick dwelling, which he proposes to erect at 514 Irving street northwest. The estimated cost is placed at \$4,000. Building Inspector Ashford has issued a permit for the work to proceed at once. The house has several features which show the capacity of the designer and will attract attention by their uniqueness and careful consideration of detail.

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